

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 22, 2006
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540-A
Phoenix, AZ**

Members Present

Bentley Bobrow, Chairman
Frank Walter
Daniel Spaite
John Gallagher
Thomas Wachtel
Wendy Lucid
Michael Ward- **Teleconference**

Members Absent

Phillip Richemont
John Raife
Harvey Meislin
Carrie Walters

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Medical Direction Commission meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON APRIL 21, 2006 MINUTES

A motion was made by John Gallagher and seconded by Daniel Spaite to approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 2006.

Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON 2007 MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Wendy Ann Lucid and seconded by John Gallagher to approve the meeting dates for 2007.

Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Report from the Office of the Director:

1. Discussion and Status of Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System, Public Health Preparedness Services, Division of Public Health Services, and Department of Health Services

Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief, reported on behalf of Will Humble, Deputy Assistant Director. Mr. Mullins reported that Niki O’Keeffe, Assistant Director, has retired and is no longer with the Arizona Department of Health Services. In addition, Rose Conner, Deputy Director, is currently on medical leave.

2. Introduction of new Bureau Chief

Terry Mullins introduced himself as the new Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System.

3. Update on Hospital Overcrowding and Diversion Workgroups

It was reported that the Steering Committee has created four subcommittees which are Education, Best Practices, Diversion, and Surge Capacity. Each subcommittee will report their recommendations to the Director’s Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee met on September 19, 2006 and reviewed the recommendations from the subcommittees. The Steering Committee is scheduled to meet again to review the recommendations submitted.

B. Report from the Bureau Chief:

1. Bureau Name Change

It was reported that the Bureau has undergone a name change. The Bureau is now the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System. The reason for change was to reflect the statutory and regulatory activities undertaken by the Bureau.

2. Deputy Bureau Chief

Ed Armijo was introduced as the new Deputy Bureau Chief for the Bureau of EMS and Trauma System.

3. Bureau Biostatistician

It was reported that the Bureau will be hiring a Biostatistician to assist with the data being submitted from the cardiovascular and trauma registries. A number of applications have been submitted and the Bureau is in the process of reviewing the applications.

4. 2006-2010 Injury Prevention Plan

A hard copy of the Injury Prevention Plan was provided to the Committee members to review.

C. Report from the Chairman:

1. MDC Membership Update

It was reported that Dr. Jeff Daniel's application has been submitted to the Governor's Office to replace Dr. Kevin Conn.

2. Introduction of EMS Fellow - Sara Shimmin

Dr. Sara Shimmin was introduced as the EMS Fellow. She will be working with ADHS for one year.

3. SHARE/ASPIRE Program Update

A report was drafted for the MDC to review with data collected from the SHARE and ASPIRE Program.

Discussion ensued regarding the report of the SHARE program.

V. PROTOCOLS, MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES (PMD) COMMITTEE

A. Discussion/Action on Report and recommendations from PMD - Dr. Gallagher
Dr. Gallagher reported that the PMD Committee has not met due to lack of a quorum. It was suggested that the next meeting scheduled for PMD be conducted by teleconference.

VI. AZ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. 2005 Statewide EMS and Trauma System Assessment

It was reported that various organizations and hospitals across the state submitted their assessment with responses. The Bureau is compiling the data and results will be posted on the Bureau's website.

B. Regional Leadership Meeting - Data Focus - October 27, 2006

It was reported that the Bureau will be hosting the Leadership Meeting on October 27, 2006. The guest speaker will be Dr. Clay Mann from the University of Utah. He will be

lecturing on the importance of collecting data. In addition, Dr. Bobrow will be reporting on the data collection of the SHARE program.

Terry Mullins asked that two members from MDC be in attendance at the Leadership Meeting. It was suggested to send an e-mail with the information for the meeting to the members of MDC.

C. EMSC Update - PACES - Tomi St. Mars

Tomi St Mars reported that the EMSC Advisory Committee met on August 30, 2006. The Advisory Committee will be known as the Pediatric Advisory Committee for Emergency Services. At the meeting the members decided to provide a yearly report, update pediatric protocols, and post their updates and/or information the Bureau website.

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Update on Prehospital Drugs/EMT-I(99)-to-EMT-P Transition Course Rulemaking

Sarah Harpring reported that the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published on July 28, 2006, which started the formal public comment period which ended on September 5, 2006. The Notice of Formal Rulemaking was filed and will be on the November 7, 2006 Governor's Regulatory Review Council agenda. If approved, the rulemaking will be effective January 6, 2007.

B. Calcium Gluconate Pilot Project Annual Update- Fire Chief, Gary Woods

It was reported that the rules, protocols, and training has remained the same for the pilot project and no uses have been reported. It was reported that Fire Chief Grape will now be making the annual reports for the two pilot projects.

C. Amyl Nitrite Pilot Project Annual Update- Fire Chief Gary Woods

It was reported that no uses have been reported and the training continues as usual.

D. Review of draft Table 1 and discussion and action on the IV agents that different levels of EMTs should be authorized to administer, monitor, or use as transport agents under Table 1

A motion was made by Thomas Wachtel and seconded by John Gallagher to accept Table 1 with the following changes:

- Delete Bretylium Tosylate from the Table
- Delete IFIP for Calcium Chloride
- For Dextrose 5% in H₂O, change the EMT-B entry to M***
- For Electrolytes/Crystalloids (Commercial Preparation), change the entries for EMT-P to EMT-I(85) from A to TA and the entry for EMT-B from M*** to M.
- For Glucagon, add IFIP
- For Lactated Ringers, change the EMT-B entry to M***
- For Normal Saline, change the EMT-B entry to M***

E. Announcement of new substantive policy statements:

- **SP-077-PHS-EMS: Interpretation of "Rapid infuser system" in 9 A.A.C. 25, Article 13, Exhibit I (effective June 1, 2006)**

- **SP-078-PHS-EMS: Interpretation of “act as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P” in A.A.C. R9-25-401(A), as Applied to a Student Enrolled in a Course (effective June 1, 2006)**
- **SP-079-PHS-EMS: Interpretation of the EMT Certification Prerequisites for the Arizona EMT-I Course and the Arizona EMT-P Course (effective June 1, 2006)**
- **SP-081-PHS-EMS: Interpretation of NREMT Registration Requirements in A.A.C. R9-25-404-(B)(1)(b) and (B)(2)(b) and R9-25-406(B)(1)(b) and (B)(2)(b) (effective July 7, 2006)**

It was reported that four new substantive policy statements are in effect and can be viewed on the Bureau website.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No report was given.

IX. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for MDC is scheduled for January 19, 2007.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.